

Application No.: 10/536,790
Amendment dated: July 26, 2007
Reply to Office Action of June 27, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2007. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for a timely and thorough review of the above-referenced patent application. Claims 23-35 and 37-40 were previously pending in the application. Claims 23-35 are allowed; Claims 37, 39, and 40 are rejected; and Claim 38 is objected to. Applicant has canceled Claims 37, 39, and 40 and has also amended Claim 38 to rewrite the claim in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (there being no intervening claims). In light of the claim cancellations and claim amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued in due course.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wambeke in view of Kerry

Claims 37, 39, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the W.O. Patent Application No. 00/65397 to Wambeke et al. ("Wambeke") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,457,763 to Kerry et al. ("Kerry"). Applicant has canceled Claims 37, 39, and 40. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn as moot and that a notice of allowance be issued in due course.

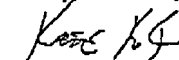
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Conclusion

Examiner Doan is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3325.

Respectfully submitted,



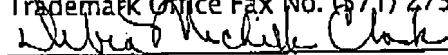
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